



Walter Joe Lee Massey

June 27, 1930 - April 15, 2026

Walter Joe Lee Massey, 95, of Bessemer, AL passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Walter Joe Massey, age 95, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2026. Born on June 27, 1930, he lived a life marked by dignity, integrity, and compassion, leaving a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Walter proudly served his country as a veteran of the United States Air Force. Following his service, he dedicated 33 years of hard work to the Jefferson County Waste Water Treatment Plant—though he fondly referred to it as “The Used Grocery Store,” a reflection of his enduring sense of humor. In addition, he owned and operated Massey Roofing, a trade he took great pride in and passed down to his sons, creating a legacy of hard work and craftsmanship.

He was a devoted father to Michael Massey (Regina), Rozanne Cherry (Paul), Frankie Massey (Anita), Nesa Wade (Ronnie), Kevin Massey (Rennee), and the late Jimmie Massey. His legacy continues through his 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren, each of whom carries forward a piece of his strength, humor, and values.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Nettie Massey; his siblings Edward, Paul, Onzell, Lodis, and Doris; his beloved wife, Gladys Massey; his son, Jimmie Massey; and his grandson, Terry Nelson. As the last of his generation, his passing marks the end of an era—taking with him

cherished memories of those long past and a living connection to the family's earliest stories.

Walter committed the remainder of his life to Jesus at the age of 95, only a few months before his passing.

Those who knew Walter will remember his impeccable sense of humor and his remarkable ability to find joy in the smallest things in life. He had a way of lifting spirits and bringing laughter, even in the most ordinary moments—a gift that will not be forgotten.

Graveside service will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Highland Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Monday, April 20, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home. Bro. Danny Tessener will be officiating the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to the Birmingham Humane Society or the Make-A-Wish Foundation, honoring his compassion and generosity.

Walter Joe Massey leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, hard work, and laughter that will live on through the many lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Ave
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Receive Friends

APR **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
1300 4th Avenue N
Bessemer, AL 35020
(205) 425-2424
bessemer-brown@hotmail.com
<https://www.bessemerbrownfh.com/>

Graveside Service

APR **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Highland Memorial Gardens
3115 18th Ave
Bessemer, AL 35020
(205) 428-1201

Tribute Wall

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“ With Love, Embassy Suites Hoover purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Walter Joe Lee Massey.



With Love, Embassy Suites Hoover - April 20 at 09:05 AM

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“ With Love, Embassy Suites Hoover planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Joe Lee Massey.

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walter Joe Lee Massey.



April 18 at 08:15 PM



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“ Joe was like a Father since I lost mine when I was 5. He gave me away when I got married. I cherished having that blessing. He loved big and shared some great stories to anyone that would listen. Whether it was sharing time going to the thrift store, throwing a line in the water, putting a puzzle together, whipping up some peanut butter cookies, an apple pie, biscuits, or corn dogs ... he loved spending time with those he loved sharing these moments. There was a tender heart under his rugged exterior. I'm grateful for having him in my life.



Melissa Kelley - April 18 at 04:49 PM